

Daily Eagle

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NOT A
SECTIONAL OR
PARTY MATTER.

There are some men south of the old Mason-Dixon line, so long since obliterated, who have independent manhood of such character as to enable them to rise above sectional prejudice and party bias. One of the striking figures of this type of southern men is Governor Terrell of Georgia, who in a speech delivered at Atlanta, day before yesterday, declared that he heartily endorses Roosevelt's recognition of the independence of Panama, which recognition the Governor holds not only to be honorable and statesmanlike, but the nearest and surest cut to the speedy construction of the canal. In contrast with the utterance of the chief executive of Georgia is the editorial declaration of the Memphis Appeal that Roosevelt on his own motion practically amended the Spooner act to read: "Should the President be unable to obtain for the United States a satisfactory title to the property of the new Panama Canal company and the control of the necessary territory of the Republic of Colombia and the rights mentioned in sections 1 and 2 of this act within a reasonable time and upon reasonable terms, he shall take the matter into his own hands, give Panama the tip that it is her right to secede, concentrate several warships near the isthmus, direct the naval force to stop the landing of Colombian troops, inform the revolution that Colombia will not be allowed to hurt it, recognize the new republic at once, receive a Frenchman as minister from Panama, proceed to destroy the sovereignty of Colombia that we were pledged to protect, strike a treaty with an irresponsible committee of three, authorized to act for nobody but themselves, and finally tell Nicaragua and Costa Rica to go to the devil, as we don't want their old route anyhow."

The city of Memphis, the home of the editor of the Appeal, next to the coast cities of the South Atlantic, will be more directly benefited than any other southern city by the construction of the canal. As Governor Terrell declares, the South is the most "deeply and vitally interested in the canal" and therefore should show no hesitancy in endorsing the patriotic act of the President.

A VIVIDLY CONTRASTING PICTURE.

Despite our only too numerous strikes, despite watered-stock swindles and the monopolistic screws put on by trusts, mergers and corporations, there is probably a less per cent of poverty, fewer destitute and more all around comfort and contentment in America than in any country in the world, as there is more enterprise and activity commercially, financially and industrially.

The hard luck tales of destitution, famine and misery which reach us from other and many lands make a vividly contrasting picture and one wonders that we have so much kicking, so many strikes and such boycotting. From England, "Merry Old England," that land of busy people, come pathetic stories regarding the poor in the extreme and tales of suffering that have not been equalled in many years. The eleemosynary institutions are crowded to overflowing. The Salvation Army has double the number of applications for relief than is usual at this season of the year and thousands of people are being turned away to sleep in the streets because shelter cannot be found for them. The politicians say that it is owing to the depression in trade that men by the thousands are being thrown out of employment and into idleness and want. Those who find employment are little better off than those who are idle because the competition between those seeking employment is so great that they will accept positions for anything that will half way keep body and soul together. An advertisement in a newspaper for help of any kind brings about as many as three hundred answers, each clamoring for the position on any terms.

This condition of affairs is brutalizing the unfortunate poor. It compels them to herd together like animals of the forest without reference to age, sex or condition. A case tried in one of the courts revealed the fact that in many of the poorer districts men and women were crowded into the same apartments without regard to relationship. In one case, a room had been sublet by its tenants, so that in addition to the family that had originally leased the place there were ten men and women occupying it. They slept on the floor and in boxes.

This condition of affairs is not confined to the metropolis. In the provinces much suffering prevails and especially in the northern part of England, and the outlook for the winter is certainly very distressing.

SECRETARY CORTELYOU'S FIRST REPORT.

The first report of the Department of Labor and Commerce, organized under the law passed in February, is necessarily rather a prospectus than a review. Secretary Cortelyou rightly defines the chief work of his department to be the securing of publicity as a remedy for evils which have eluded public control by eluding public knowledge, and he declares that his own belief in this method of reform will lead him to apply it to the records of his own department. As far as practicable, he says, he will do away with confidential files. Every official document in the department except such as law or public policy demands should be kept secret, will be open to authorized inspection. A part of his report is devoted to allaying the fear in some quarters that the department contemplates a hostile program toward corporate enterprise, or will favor the interests of labor to the detriment of those of capital. Upon these points the secretary defines the attitude of the department in these words:

"Publicity will disclose unfair dealing, dishonesty and corruption; but if properly enforced it will not disclose to trade competitors the fruits of individual thrift and initiative, nor permit in any other manner the invasion of private rights."

"Capitalists and wage-receivers are to be treated on an equality, for in the matters relating to labor and capital and to their respective representatives the department must stand in the position of an educational office, collecting and publishing such information as will enable each party to understand more fully the prevailing conditions."

FORESTRY IN AMERICA.

More and more are the people coming to believe that the forestry of the United States must be increased, that the country must have more trees. Last week, in Washington, Secretary Wilson presided at the opening session of the American Forestry Association's meeting. There are indications of a more solid advance in the American forestry movement; first, in the increasing support of the people of the West in a forest reserve policy, and, second, in the statements now made by important lumbermen and railway men that sound lumbering and forestry are not opposed but are identical in policy and that future supplies can be expected only by the extension of proper forestry methods. The association pertinently renewed its recommendation that all the government's forestry work should be consolidated and placed in the Bureau of Forestry instead of as at present being scattered, the General Land Office, the Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Forestry dividing this work among themselves. This recommendation is also made by Mr. Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, in his annual report. The American Forestry Association, of course, advocates the proposed Appalachian National Forest Reserve which has received support both in and out of Congress and endorses the effort to obtain a forest reserve in the White mountains. The total area now in the national forest reserves comprises over sixty-three million acres. The appropriations for administration have been more than doubled; this increase being justified by the great reduction of timber destroyed by forest fires within the bounds of the reserve. Of course, the value of these services far exceeds the sums appropriated. As to progress in the individual states, the destructive forest fires in Adirondacks, for instance, show that, no matter how good the laws themselves may be, they are useless in the absence of effective administration. The subject of irrigation is closely allied to that of forestry. As showing the work done and in progress toward reclaiming arid lands.

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CHICAGO STILL TOUGH.

Only last Saturday Chicago strikers refused to permit the dead to be buried in decency and order. Last week while a mass meeting of clergymen, clubmen and prominent business men was being held in Chicago to devise ways and means to stay the spread of crime in that city, a restaurant nearby was held up in broad daylight. Patrons were obliged to stand up and deliver their money and valuables at the muzzle of revolvers. At the same time it is asserted that in that city 125 persons have been killed on the streets within a year by toughs, and yet not a single hargling or committal for life is recorded.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

(By Theodosia Garrison.)

King and shepherd spake to Him:
"Thine the gifts we bear—
Purple cloth and cloth of gold,
Wondrous gems and rare,
Royal robes a King may wear,
Spices strange and sweet."
Lo, the Christ-child smiled on them,
Kneeling at His feet.

'Twas the mother Mary spake:
"Little Son of mine,
Naught I have for Thee but love,
Ever—ever Thine."
Lo, He turned, the Child divine,
Yea, with eyes grown dim,
Kissed her thrice, who knew her heart
Thrice must break for Him.

AND MINISTERED UNTO THEM.

(By S. H. Kemper.)

May be in His more human weariness
Came little things to minister and bless;
To touch Him in a humble way, to please.
Perhaps came little earthly memories:
The simple stir of Nazareth's sun-washed street;
The busy sound of Mary's housewife feet;
A pattern of leaf shadows at the door;
The scent of fresh dured shavings on the floor.

That which Kansas now needs more urgently than anything is an additional insane asylum for the impenitent editors who have gone stark mad over increased taxation. The dead proof of their mental incapacity and financial irresponsibility will be found in the fact that they all believe that if Ed Hoch, a country editor up in Marion, were elected Governor he could and would cut the cost of running the state square in two.

—Colombia is demanding of the powers that her claims be settled at The Hague. There seems nothing left to settle but Panama and Panama has settled herself down as an independence. The time for Colombia to settle was last summer at Bogota. But the summer is past and Colombia's promising harvest is past saving.

Bogota might better open her batteries on Uncle Sam without fooling away any time climbing the mountains of the isthmus, for in the end Colombia will have to whip the United States if she would regain Panama.

Were Governor Bailey more the double-dealing and intriguing politician and less the straight-forward official and honest man he would have saved his ears the howl of the pack now at his heels.

The Chicago strikers have declared boycotts on designated restaurants and hotels, warning the public that it must not patronize them. Meanwhile all funerals and weddings are interdicted.

It is being asserted that some of the Hoch clubs being organized contain a sprinkling of Pops, mugwumps and other old time enemies of the Republican party. Naturally enough.

The Wos y Gils might as well look up another scape goat. Hoch is evidently going to decline putting his foot in it. Surely there are other representative soreheads to be found.

The Kansas coal oil field is assuming such monopolistic tendencies of inexhaustibility that John D. Rockefeller is thinking seriously of annexing that part of the state.

Honesty may be the best policy, but any old kind of policy, only so it be directed against the present Republican administration of this state, goes with the protesters.

"We have no personal fight on Governor Bailey," editorially remarks a contemporary, who then proceeds to take the hide off of our former Nemaha county farmer.

Pekin says there will be no war, Tokio says there will be no war, St. Petersburg says there will be no war, but all of these powers are securing up their old guns.

If "a green Christmas makes a fat grave-yard," then that thunderstorm and spring sprinkle, yesterday morning, must be destined as ominous.

Governor Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, sah, sah out for blood. He manages to kick somebody every week.

To the door of the foreign element is traceable the doctrine of rule or ruin in this country.

The Duke of Manchester, who married an American girl, is now talking the rest cure.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1847, FIFTY-SIX YEARS AGO TODAY—Lewis Cass first promulgated the Squatter Sovereignty doctrine, in a letter to A. O. P. Nicholson, of Nashville, Tenn. He says: "The Wilcox proviso has been before the country for some time. It has been repeatedly discussed in congress, and by the public press. I am strongly impressed with the opinion that a great change has been going on in the public mind upon this subject in my own, as well as others; and that doubts are resolving themselves into convictions, that the principle that it involves should be kept out of national legislation, and left to the people of the Confederacy in their respective governments. Briefly, then, I am opposed to the exercise of any jurisdiction by congress over this matter; and I am in favor of leaving the people of any territory, which may be hereafter acquired, the right to regulate it themselves, under the general principles of the Constitution." The letter was published in Niles' Register. This friend, says Wilder, did not make Cass President in 1848, nor Douglas in 1860. On the 1st of March, 1847, Mr. Cass said in the senate, of the Wilcox proviso: "Last year I should have voted for the proposition, had it come up."

IN 1872, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY—A new postoffice had been established at Mt. Hope, Greeley township, Sedgewick county.

IN 1883, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY—Various cities in the state celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the surrender, by George Washington, of his commission as commander-in-chief of the continental army.

IN 1883, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—The Iron Mountain train was held up at a station, Seminole, L. T., nine miles south of Coffeyville, by four desperadoes.

IN 1888, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—Cattlin Bros., bankers and extensive stock-feeders of Miltonvale, Dickinson county, closed the bank's doors, with liabilities from \$300,000 to \$500,000. They were said to be Gillette's victims.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing."—Proverbs.

Jet News: The Wichita Eagle's Pikers' Lament column and the Augusta Sun's Doodle Doo read alike. Shame on the Eagle.

Augusta Sun: Stop, French, we do not deserve this. If you can produce a doodle doo taken from the Eagle Pikers' column, we are willing to quit. Give the devil his dues, if he does happen to be red-headed, like the Eagle's editor.

Wichita Eagle (Piker Department): This is not written for defense. No defense is needed for the Piker column. It stands on its merits, and they are very substantial. But, coming back to the first promise: the criticism of Mr. Finch of the Jet News may be coming to the Piker column as many other things are this Christmas, but his criticism is based on a hypothesis, that he has not yet proven true. He infers that he can read. In reference to the criticism of the second paper, the editor with the golden hair hanging down his back, we thank him for the pointer. The dye has already been ordered for the Eagle editor's locks.

GPOFFO ZURLO must be a bad Gypsy to steal from a fellow Gyp. It is a part of a Gypsy's religion to steal from outsiders.

THE OIL MARKET. Rockefeller has promised money to the University of Chicago. Get ready to buy "taller dips."

(?)—(?)—(?)
Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Let me now plead the cause
Of orphan and those without cash.
To the poor girls and boys,
Please give your best toys.
To the rich and the prosperous, trash.

IF COLOMBIA BEHAVES, her ships will be permitted to pass through the Panama canal at the usual toll.

(?)—(?)—(?)
If there is war between Russia and Japan, tea will be subject to the second water.

(?)—(?)—(?)
Governor Bailey has an opportunity to put a justice's commission in some fellow's stocking tonight, and it is said that he won't make the appointment for a week.

(?)—(?)—(?)
Mike Kitchen, who attended bar at Rockwell, has just fallen heir to \$20,000. Here's hoping that the cash will prove less counterfeit than the drinks Mike served.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

There will be a Christmas tree at next Thursday evening. The blank space may be filled with the name of any town in the territory.

The fourth case, wherein a sheriff had to be called up to come up at Widman. Just now Widman seems to be trying to make Christmas a Fourth of July for the new country.

An Andarko minister telephoned the Hobart marshal to arrest his daughter in that city for the theft of \$1,500 last week. Wherein a little sum like this is concerned, Andarko would do well to keep her troubles to herself.

It will not be a "Happy New Year" in the new country—at least, not for the measure of it. It is the day set in Comanche and Kiowa counties for their extermination.

Two boiler-makers from Chickasha are doing a celebrated stunt on an old mill boiler at Hobart. Last week they put in 96 straight hours, stopping only for meals.

With a gain of 62 inhabitants in one year and the organization of the Republic, Day county is getting to the front without a railroad. However, it doesn't claim to be waiting till Prof. Langley gets a line of airplanes chartered in the county.

The Grand Progress has correspondence called "Humboldt Howlings." How suggestive.

Delegate McGuire is quoted as saying that he is sure his staidhood will pass. The delegate's friends do not believe that he made any such statement.

The militia men are going to hang up the stockings. Christmas and prompt prize money into them.

A beauty contest is on at Oklahoma City, with Harry Keisel in the lead. It costs a penny to vote, the proceeds being promised to the Salvation Army.

Dick Morgan organized a debating branch of the Y. M. C. A. at El Reno Monday night. Joe Harper got the snap; he's "critique."

Prof. Carter, principal of the El Reno schools for two years, was given a "farewell" Monday night. He is going to the Philippines.

El Reno merchants are refusing to advertise because they have all the business they can handle. Did they ever hear of "expansion?"

The El Reno American should swear off for a week on suggesting new enterprises or get a couple more commercial clubs.

The Mangum Star claims to be the oldest paper in Oklahoma, having started October 13, 1887. It was started in Texas.

Wood cheaper than coal is advertised at Enid. And Enid is said to be selling coal at less than cost, too.

Carlisle's heavy rain at Cherokee, burned Monday night. All the houses were saved.

Mrs. Ella Hague has been arrested at Enid, charged with larceny. She is indicted on threatening the second wife of her divorced husband.

A street man has had his team stolen and the Shawnee Quill is in favor of reviving the use of the whipping-post.

Ohio Odd Fellows have shut out bar-keepers and PROFESSIONAL gamblers. Odd Fellows will still be permitted to take a snifter and enjoy a quiet game of poker. They are so human in this course that one doubts the appropriateness of their title.

—(?)—(?)—
There is at least ON RECORD a case of broken heart. An aged negro at Chicago though she had been poisoned and fear of death so worked upon her that her heart actually burst.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH DOESN'T COUNT. China, with 400,000,000 people, must look on helplessly while Russia and Japan carry on war in CHINESE TERRITORY.

—(?)—(?)—
There is one man in this town who is going to give his wife, for a Christmas present, a life insurance policy.

(?)—(?)—
And we suppose the wheat has been saved again.

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O'HOGGAN'S FLIGHT.
O'Hoggan was desperate,—stroked his hair
Rapidly:
Fidgeted in his chair
Unnearly:
Crossed his knees—
Uncrossed them:
Was about to sneeze—
Falled:
Jumped up and paced the floor—
Set down:
Arose quickly and paced some more—
O'Hoggan had to write,
And couldn't—
O'Hoggan was in a plight.
"Is copy ready now?" asked the foreman.
Rapidly:
"No," thundered O'Hoggan,
Piercely:
Then tried to chew gum
And whistle.
But he could only try.
No music came—
Then O'Hoggan tried to cry,
But couldn't.
He rushed all over the shop,
As though demented—
Said the presses would have to stop, for
he couldn't write.
And he couldn't—
That was O'Hoggan's plight.

M. C. R.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

KANSAS CURRENTS

Tonight will determine Willis Bailey's fitness as a father. We refer to his ability to play Santa Claus.

W. D. Crow, a Cowley county farmer, found a gold dollar, a gold watch and a stick-pin in a cow's stomach the other day, in slaughtering. And yet some people wonder how an old cow passes the time away.

Cowley county comes forward with four revolutionary grandsons. The Arkansas City Traveler discovered three and the Winfield Free Press produces a fourth.

The Winfield Ministerial alliance has expressed its disapproval of the laxness of divorce laws. The trouble with this measure is that it's ineffective; the people who have religion don't get divorces; they fight it out.

The "Little Toms Cabin" company is about broken up. Little Tom and one bloodhound are still represented in the cast, however.

A "galloper" has been sent out of Newton. There are several of the same kind that don't belong to the railroad, however, still left in that town.

There is only one thing that is feared in Grant Gillette's case, it is feared he will work over-time as paying teller.

A citizen was fined \$2.50 for creating a "disturbance" at a grand opera Saturday, at McPherson. McPherson has some powerful citizens.

A local weather prophet at McPherson told three days ago that the new moon was a wet one. But not a soul offered to change it.

Tax-paying time is proving a blessing to the newspapers. There is enough left over after the taxes are paid this year to pay a year's subscription.

This is the week that the editor of the daily paper casts an envious eye on the weekly paper published two days earlier that the editor may enjoy his Christmas dinner.

A "found" overcoat is advertised in the Barber County Index, and no one claims it. Wouldn't that "jar" a Pennsylvania coal baron?

Two days were spent in the probate court of Barber county last week over the case of two boys, seven and twelve years old. Added together the ages would not amount to a legal majority.

C. H. Stewart, of Hamilton, lost nine head of cattle last week by having a sack of hay fall on his shoulder. And in all has stirred up more strife than the machine and anti-machine put together.

Turning from the piffling case of Ed Hoch, Edna Morgan, expects his wife, who this time of year must buy presents for his numerous families.

Miss Ida Johnson, editor of the Genda Springs Herald, has captured Van Peit, of the Arkansas City Enquirer. He gave her a column of his paper every week, and now, like the man given an inch, she has taken the whole paper.

Carnegie has divided \$25,000 among twelve Kansas towns for libraries. And in all has stirred up more strife than the machine and anti-machine put together.

Enid and Ford Creek will play football tomorrow.

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